

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

CHRISTOPHER McCROBIE, individually,
and on behalf of others similarly situated,
Plaintiff,

15-CV-0018-LJV-MJR

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

-v-

PALISADES ACQUISITION XVI, LLC,
ASTA FUNDING, INC.,
HOUSLANGER & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, and
TODD HOUSLANGER,
Defendants.

Pursuant to the Text Order of Hon. Lawrence J. Vilardo referring the above case to the undersigned for pretrial procedures and the entry of a scheduling order as provided in Fed.R.Civ.P. ("Rule") 16(b) and Local Rule 16, and a conference with counsel having been held,

IT IS **ORDERED** that:

1. All motions to join other parties and to amend the pleadings shall be filed no later than **2/5/2020**.

2. All motions to compel shall be filed no later than **7/7/2020**. If a discovery dispute arises, before filing a motion to compel the movant must advise the undersigned of the dispute and request a conference by submitting a letter to the Court (copying opposing counsel). See Rule 16(b)(3)(B)(v). Upon review of the letter, a conference will be scheduled with the parties to attempt to resolve the issue informally. If the dispute is not resolved informally, the parties will be given the opportunity to file a formal motion. This informal discovery dispute resolution process is not expedited motion practice. Therefore, letter submissions should provide a brief overview of the issue with supporting documentation and the parties' positions. Parties do not waive arguments by failing to raise them in their letter submissions.

3. All fact discovery shall be completed no later than **8/7/2020**.

4. The parties shall identify any expert witnesses and produce their reports pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(2) as follows:

(a) plaintiff shall identify any expert witnesses and produce their report by **8/21/2020**;

(b) defendants shall identify any expert witnesses and produce their reports by **9/4/2020**;

(c) plaintiff shall identify any rebuttal expert witnesses and produce their report by **9/18/2020**; and

(d) defendants shall identify any rebuttal expert witnesses and produce their reports by **9/18/2020**.

5. All expert depositions shall be completed no later than **10/2/2020**.

6. Class certification motion to be filed no later than **12/4/2020**.

7. Pretrial dispositive motions, if any, shall be filed no later than **2/19/2021**. Such motions shall be made returnable before the undersigned.

8. If no pretrial dispositive motions are filed, the parties shall contact the chambers of the Hon. Lawrence J. Vilardo by **2/26/2021** to schedule a trial date.

No extension of the above deadlines will be granted except upon written application, filed prior to the deadline, showing good cause for the extension. The parties are reminded that “a finding of ‘good cause’ depends on the diligence of the moving party”. *Parker v. Columbia Pictures Industries*, 204 F.3d 326, 340 (2d Cir. 2000).

SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 19, 2019
Buffalo, New York

/s/ Michael J. Roemer
MICHAEL J. ROEMER
United States Magistrate Judge